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Decline Forex Reserves
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of forex reserves as on 30th September, 2016 as compared to the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that it has declined recently; and

(c) if so, the details of thereof and the steps taken by the Government to check the decline in forex reserves?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b) The foreign exchange reserves as on Sept 30, 2016 was US$372 billion as compared to US$ 360.2 billion in end March 2016. The details for the last three years are given in the following table.

Table 1: Level of Foreign Exchange Reserves
(US$ billion)

As on	
30.09.2016	372.0
31.03.2016	360.2
31.03.2015	341.6
31.03.2014	304.2
31.03.2013	292.0

Source: RBI

(c) The level of foreign exchange reserves is largely the outcome of Reserve Bank of India's intervention in the foreign exchange market to stabilise the rupee value. In the recent past, lower trade and current account deficits (CAD) coupled with moderate capital inflows resulted in the increase in foreign exchange reserves. The Government and the RBI do not target any level of foreign exchange reserves.
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